

ABSTRACT

The invention comprises the system and methods for Shoppers to facilitate their Shopping experience by creating and managing Accounts (to store their Billing, Shipping, Credit Card information and Shopping Lists or Folders) through an interactive Communication Network, such as the Internet, using Barcodes Scanners and other computing or communication appliances. Customers or shoppers upload barcodes using a personal scanner to the centralized data repository which stores this information in the User's folders, view product information in the Products Database on these appliances; organize their Shopping Lists (or Folders) by dragging and dropping products from one Folder to another; and use folders to directly check out and place Orders without having to re-enter their billing, shipping, and credit card information – thus accomplishing purchases with the minimum data entry or actions. There is also a component that detects and recommends a Substitute when a product, which the customer wishes to buy, is not available in the store that implements the present system.